

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kiefer et al.  
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For: MELTING AND REFINING IN TANKS WITH COOLED WALLS  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2010 and the Advisory Action dated February 18, 2011, the period for response having been extended one (1) month up to and including April 4, 2011, Applicants respond as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page **8** of this paper.